

Cuba Stand Explained By Donovan

By John Molleson

James B. Donovan said yesterday there was no reason for concern because he was in New York campaigning for the Senate, with the negotiations over the return of Cuban prisoners apparently stalled.

"The Cuban government is preparing lists of medicines, drugs and baby foods which we are seeking to have the American people donate," he said.

"As for the lapse in negotiations, it is of no significance that I had to return while the lists are being prepared. Also, I have to see to what extent we can meet these requests," the Democratic-Liberal candidate stated.

Speaking to more than 200 students in the Loeb Student Center at New York University, Mr. Donovan said his Cuban activities should not be considered a part of his campaign. But he criticized his Republican opponent, Sen. Jacob K. Javits, for urging "unilateral action" in Cuba.

"This is another way of saying war," Mr. Donovan said.

In answer to a question, Mr. Donovan said he would never vote for a compulsory school prayer.

"I am a Catholic, my children are Catholic—and I hope they say Catholic prayers. But if I, or any other member of the Board of Education, should write prayer one night, there is no reason why a million or more children should recite it the next morning," Mr. Donovan said.

"It is important to emphasize the spiritual growth and development of our youth," he added. "I am in favor of released time for religious study, but I am against anything that would tend toward the establishment of a state religion."

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